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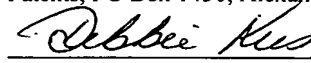
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SPECTROMETRY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and further in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner is requested to consider and cite the reference listed on the enclosed form.

The filing of an Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be prior art or material to patentability as defined by §1.56.

The Applicant cites the Perkin-Elmer product ELAN DRC-e, which was introduced in 2003 (Perkin-Elmer brochure, page 7). ELAN product comprises a lens mount unit with an extraction electrode (Perkin-Elmer brochure, page 4), that is shown in the enlarged format on the attached pages from the Perkin-Elmer Catalog. The ion extraction electrode has a rough surface therein. Though Applicant does not see any correlation between the roughness of inner surface of the extraction electrode of Perkin-Elmer and rod electrodes as claimed in subject application, the information is brought to the Examiner's attention as a background information related to the filed of the invention.

A copy of the Perkin-Elmer brochure and two pages from the Perkin-Elmer Product Catalog is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Consideration and citation of the reference is respectfully requested and deemed in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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